referred to the answer to question No. 70 of the budget session of 1102.

The figures for 1102 are given below:—

(a) 246·72 acres
(b) 26·33 acres
(c) 216·18 acres

5·37 per cent to depressed classes.

Trees licensed for fermented and sweet toddy.

126. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Hon'ble Member in charge of the Excise Department be pleased to lay on the Members' table a comparative statement containing the number of trees licensed for (a) fermented toddy (b) sweet toddy and bakery in 1100, 1101 and 1102; and of these how many were cocoanut trees, palmyras and sagos together with a comparative statement of the quantity of arrack sold in the years referred to?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—A statement showing the particulars is appended. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

127. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the population in each Taluk in the State and the number of trees licensed for fermen ted toddy, sweet toddy and bakery and the quantity of arrack consumed in each Taluk in 1100, 1101 and 1102?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Statements showing the taluk-war particulars for the years 1100, 1101 and 1102 are appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

128. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the population of Travancore and also of our State according to the latest *Census Report* and the number of trees licensed for fermented toddy and the total quantity of arrack consumed in Travancore and our State in 1092, 1093, 1099 and the subsequent years for which figures are available?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Travancore figures are not available. For the Cochin figures of trees licensed and arrack issued in 1092, 1093 and 1099, vide answer to question No. 61 of the legislative session of Vrischigam 1101. As regards the figures for the years 1100 to 1102 the Member is referred to the answer to question No. 127.

Damage to cultivation in Alattur.

129. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention whether a petition has not been received by the Government or the Chief Engineer from Mr. Pulikottil Pathu Iyyakku and others drawing attention to the damage that is being done to the cultivation in the fields in Alattur, whether

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any enquiry has been conducted by the Government in this matter and any adequate steps has been taken to redress the grievance of the cultivators; and if so, what is it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A petition was forwarded to the Chief Engineer by Mr. K. T. Mathew of Kunnamkulam along with a covering letter dated October 10, 1927.

The matter is under investigation by the P. W. D.

Ernakulam Foreshore.

130. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the cost incurred by Government in clearing the foreshore of Ernakulam of huts, trees and buildings, etc.,

(b) during Diwan Mr. (now Sir) P. Rajagopalachari, and

(c) during Diwan Mr. (now Sir) A. R. Banerji's time;

(d) whether there are any orders regarding the maintenance of the foreshore of Ernakulam or for maintaining it as such for the promotion of health in Ernakulam;

(e) is the Government aware of the increasing spread of nuisance being committed at the foreshore walls and on the granite packing protecting the walls, and if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what steps are contemplated or taken to abate the nuisance?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a), (b) & (c). The information required is not readily available.

(d) Yes. One of the latest orders has been published at pages 553—554 (Part I) of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 12th Kumbham 1093.

(e) There may be occasional instances. The Municipal authorities are preventing such cases.

Sluice to Kattuchira (Padiyoor Panchayat.)

131. Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the additional sluice to Kattuchira (Padiyoor Panchayat) for which an allotment of Rs. 1,500 is made in the budget of this year was intended as a permanent sluice when the allotment was made; if not, why was the allotment made;

(2) do the Government intend to carry out the work as provided in the budget;

(3) when was the opening in question first made;

(4) who has been meeting the expense of the annual maintenance of the said sluice in each year up to now;

(5) has the local Panchayat spent any money out of their pocket for the above purpose;

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